

Greetings, today our manna is from Genesis 30; Mark 1; Esther 6; Romans 1

January 29 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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Genesis 30

A barren woman or a woman that has always desired children to no avail due to various circumstances, is heart wrenching. A listening ear and prayer for such women is often the answer. Rachel shows signs of envy, weariness, and anger over her barrenness when she verbally strikes out toward Jacob saying, ‘Give me children, or else I am going to die!’

Gen 30:1 And when Raḥēl saw that she bore Ya'aqob no children, Raḥēl envied her sister, and said to Ya'aqob, **“Give me children, or else I am going to die!”**

Gen 30:2 And **Ya'aqob's displeasure burned against Raḥēl, and he said, “Am I in the place of Elohim, who has withheld from you the fruit of the womb?”**

Initially, Sarah, Rebekah, and Rachel were all barren. Rachel and Sarah both choose to have their husbands bear them children through their female servants. In Rebekah's case, Isaac interceded in prayer to YHWH and YHWH answered his prayer.

Gen 11:30 And **Sarai was barren**, she had no child.

Gen 25:21 And Yitshaq prayed to יהוה for **his wife, because she was barren**. **And יהוה answered his prayer, and Ribqah his wife conceived.**

Gen 25:22 And within her the children struggled together, and she said, “If all is right, why am I this way?” So she went to ask יהוה.

Gen 30:3 **And she said,** “See, my female servant Bilhah; go in to her, and let her bear for me, and let me be built up from her as well.”

Gen 30:4 So she gave him Bilhah her female servant as wife, and Ya'aqob went in to her.

Gen 30:5 **And Bilhah conceived** and bore Ya'aqob a son.

Gen 30:6 And Raḥēl said, “Elohim has rightly ruled my case, and has also heard my voice and given me a son.” **So she called his name Dan.**

Gen 30:7 And Raḥēl's female servant Bilhah conceived again and bore Ya'aqob a second son.

Gen 30:8 And Raḥēl said, “With great wrestlings I have wrestled with my sister, and I have overcome.” **So she called his name Naphtali.**

Gen 30:9 And Lě'ah saw that she had ceased bearing, and she took Zilpah her female servant and gave her to Ya'aqoḅ as wife.

Gen 30:10 And Lě'ah's female servant **Zilpah bore** Ya'aqoḅ a son.

Gen 30:11 And Lě'ah said, "Fortune comes!" So she called his name **Gad^a**. Footnote: ^aHebrew **Gad**, meaning fortune.

Gen 30:12 And Lě'ah's female servant Zilpah bore Ya'aqoḅ a second son.

Gen 30:13 And Lě'ah said, "I am happy, for the daughters shall call me happy." So she called his name **Ashěr^a**. Footnote: ^aHeb. **Ashěr**, meaning happy.

Gen 30:14 And Re'uběn went in the days of wheat harvest and found love-apples in the field, and brought them to his mother Lě'ah. And Raḥēl said to Lě'ah, "Please give me some of your son's love-apples."

Gen 30:15 But she said to her, "Is it a small matter that you have taken away my husband? Would you take away my son's love-apples too?" And Raḥēl said, "Therefore let him lie with you tonight for your son's love-apples."

Gen 30:16 And when Ya'aqoḅ came out of the field in the evening, Lě'ah went out to meet him and said, "Do come in to me, for indeed, I have hired you with my son's love-apples." And he lay with her that night.

Gen 30:17 And Elohim listened to Lě'ah, and she conceived and bore Ya'aqoḅ a fifth son.

Gen 30:18 And Lě'ah said, "Elohim has given me my hire, because I have given my female servant to my husband." So she called his name **Yissaskar**.

Gen 30:19 And Lě'ah conceived again and bore Ya'aqoḅ a sixth son.

Gen 30:20 And Lě'ah said, "Elohim has presented me with a good present. Now my husband is going to dwell with me, because I have borne him six sons." So she called his name **Zebulun**.

Gen 30:21 And afterward **she bore a daughter, and called her name Dinah**.

Gen 30:22 **And Elohim remembered Raḥēl, and Elohim listened to her and opened her womb.**

Gen 30:23 And she conceived, and bore a son, and said, "Elohim has taken away my reproach."

Gen 30:24 **So she called his name Yosěph**, and said, "יהו' has added to me another son."

Jacob's Prosperity

Gen 30:25 **And it came to be, when Raḥēl had borne Yosěph, that Ya'aqoḅ said to Laban, "Send me on my way, to go to my own place and to my land.**

Gen 30:26 "Give my wives and my children for whom I have served you, and let me go, for you yourself know my service which I have done for you."

Gen 30:27 And Laban said to him, "If I have found favour in your eyes, please stay, for I have diligently watched that יהו' has blessed me for your sake."

Gen 30:28 And he said, "Name me your wages, and I give it."

Gen 30:29 So he said to him, “You know how I have served you and how your livestock has been with me.

Gen 30:30 “For the little you had before I came has increased greatly, and יהוה has blessed you since my coming. But now, when am I to provide for my own house too?”

Gen 30:31 **And he said, “What do I give you?” And Ya'aqob said, “Give me naught! If you do this for me, I shall again feed and guard your flocks:**

Gen 30:32 “Let me pass through all your flock today, removing from there all the

- ✚ speckled and spotted sheep,
- ✚ and all the black ones among the lambs,
- ✚ and the spotted and speckled among the goats. And these shall be my wages.

Gen 30:33 “And **my righteousness shall answer for me** in time to come, when you come concerning my wages: every one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats, and black among the lambs, it is stolen if it is with me.”

Gen 30:34 And **Laban said, “See, let it be according to your word!”**

Gen 30:35 And on that day he set aside the male goats that were speckled and spotted, and all the female goats that were speckled and spotted, every one that had some white in it, and all the black ones among the lambs, and gave them into the hand of his sons.

Gen 30:36 And **he put three days' journey between himself and Ya'aqob, and Ya'aqob fed the rest of Laban's flocks.**

Gen 30:37 And Ya'aqob took for himself rods of green poplar and of the almond and chestnut trees, peeled white strips in them, and exposed the white which was in the rods.

Gen 30:38 And he set the rods which he had peeled before the flocks in the gutters, in the watering troughs where the flocks came to drink, and they conceived when they came to drink.

Gen 30:39 So the flocks conceived before the rods, and the flocks brought forth streaked, speckled, and spotted.

Gen 30:40 And Ya'aqob separated the lambs, and made the flocks face toward the streaked and all the black in the flock of Laban, but he put his own flocks by themselves and did not put them with Laban's flock.

Gen 30:41 And it came to be, whenever the strong ones of the flock conceived, that Ya'aqob placed the rods before the eyes of the flock in the gutters, so they would conceive among the rods.

Gen 30:42 But when the flocks were weak, he did not put them in, so the weak ones were Laban's and the strong ones Ya'aqob's.

Gen 30:43 Thus the man increased very much, and had many flocks, and female and male servants, and camels and donkeys.

YHWH gave Jacob the increase. We see this recorded in Gen. 31:6-12.

Gen 31:6 “And you know that I have served your father with all my strength.

Gen 31:7 “Yet your father has deceived me and changed my wages ten times, but **Elohim did not allow him to do evil to me.**

Gen 31:8 “When he said this, ‘The speckled are your wages,’ then all the flocks bore speckled. And when he said this, ‘The streaked are your wages,’ then all the flocks bore streaked.

Gen 31:9 “**So Elohim has taken away the livestock of your father and given them to me.**

Gen 31:10 “And it came to be, at the time when the flocks conceived, that I lifted my eyes and looked in a dream and saw the rams which leaped upon the flocks were streaked, speckled, and mottled.

Gen 31:11 “And **the Messenger of Elohim spoke to me in a dream, saying,** ‘Ya’aqob.’ And I said, ‘Here I am.’

Gen 31:12 “And He said, ‘Lift your eyes now and see, all the rams which leap on the flocks are streaked, speckled, and mottled, for I have seen all that Laban is doing to you.’

Mark 1

What is not often taught or understood in the gospel accounts, is that John the Immerser was **the true High Priest of the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood**. Though Caiaphas was eligible for such a role, he was not the best qualified. **Caiaphas was man’s choice; John the Immerser was YHWH’s choice**. John the Immerser was relegated to the wilderness because of the corruption in the temple system.

To understand this to be the case, we must do some research.

First, we will look at Caiaphas:

According to Josephus, Caiaphas was appointed in AD 18 by the Roman prefect who preceded Pontius Pilate, Valerius Gratus.^[1]

Caiaphas was the son-in-law of Annas (also called Ananus^[5]) the son of Seth. Annas was deposed but had five sons who served as high priest after him. The terms of Annas, Caiaphas, and the five brothers are:

- Ananus (or Annas) the son of Seth (6–15)
 - Eleazar the son of Ananus (16–17)
 - *Caiaphas*, properly called Joseph son of Caiaphas (18–36), who had married the daughter of Annas (John 18:13)
 - Jonathan the son of Ananus (36–37 and 44)
 - Theophilus ben Ananus (37–41)
 - Matthias ben Ananus (43)
 - Ananus ben Ananus (63)

In June 2011, archaeologists from [Bar-Ilan University](#) and [Tel Aviv University](#) announced the recovery of a stolen ossuary, plundered from a tomb in the [Valley of Elah](#). The [Israel Antiquities Authority](#) declared it authentic, and expressed regret that it could not be studied *in situ*.^[9] It is inscribed with the text: "Miriam, daughter of Yeshua, son of Caiaphas, Priest of [Ma'aziah](#) from Beth 'Imri". [Based on it, Caiaphas can be assigned to the priestly course of Ma'aziah, instituted by king David.](#) <https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Caiaphas>

1Ch 24:18 The three and twentieth to Delaiah, the four and twentieth to [Maaziah](#).

Now, we will look at [John the Immerser](#):

John's Father:

Accomplishments of Zechariah

Zechariah served God devoutly in the temple. He obeyed God as the angel had instructed him. As John the Baptist's father, [he raised his son as a Nazarite, a holy man pledged to the Lord. Zechariah contributed, in his way, to God's plan to save the world from sin.](#)

Reference to Zechariah in the Bible

Luke 1:5-79

Occupation

Priest in the Jerusalem temple.

Family Tree

[Ancestor - Abijah](#)

Wife - Elizabeth

Son - John the Baptist

<https://www.learnreligions.com/zechariah-father-of-john-the-baptist-701075>

John's Mother:

Elizabeth in the Bible is the wife of [Zechariah](#), mother of John the Baptist, and a relative of [Mary the mother of Jesus](#). Her story is told in Luke 1:5-80. The Scriptures describe Elizabeth as a woman who is ["righteous in the eyes of God, careful to obey all of the Lord's commands and regulations"](#) (Luke 1:6).

Family Tree

[Ancestor - Aaron](#)

Husband - Zechariah

Son - John the Baptist

Kinswoman - Mary, the mother of Jesus

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John the Immerser –

The following was declared by Yahusha Himself about John the Immerser:

Luk 7:26 But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? Yea, I say unto you, and much more than a prophet.

Luk 7:27 This is *he*, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

Luk 7:28 For I say unto you, **Among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist:** but he that is least in the kingdom of God [Elohim] is greater than he.

The phrase in **Luke 7:28** is key to identifying the person most truly qualified for ‘High Priest’ of the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood. Even Chabad.org editorial reveals the same. I am NOT at ALL promoting the Chabad.org. They are the very ones that are still blind and promote a 3rd temple that will be utilized by the anti-messiah and not Yahusha. They do NOT to this day recognize Yahusha HaMashiach as the Messiah. The Bible says if a person does not have the Messiah; neither do they have the Father YHWH.

Excerpt: How Is a High Priest Selected? By [Naftali Silberberg](#)

The Torah⁴ describes the high priest as the one who is “the greatest from amongst his brethren.” What defines his greatness? This has been interpreted as greatness in piety (“awe of G-d”), wisdom, handsomeness, wealth (which, if necessary, is supplied to him), and strength.⁵
https://www.chabad.org/library/article_cdo/aid/994923/jewish/How-Is-a-High-Priest-Selected.htm

Understanding who John the Immerser truly was; changes everything. A person then more fully understands the magnitude in which John the Immerser was preparing the way for Yahusha!

Yes, John was turning the hearts of the people back to YHWH; but He was also extremely necessary for the priestly transference from the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood to Yahusha as the Priest after the order of Melchizedek. This process under the Book of the Law would require Yahusha to be mikvah’d by John the Immerser!

John the Baptist Prepares the Way

Mar 1:1 The beginning of the Good News of יהושע Messiah, the Son of Elohim.

Mar 1:2 As it has been written in the Prophets, “**See, I send My messenger before**

Your face, who shall prepare Your way before You, Mal 3:1.

Mar 1:3 a voice of one crying in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way of יהוה, make His paths straight.’ ” Isa 40:3.

Mar 1:4 Yoḥanan came immersing in the wilderness and proclaiming an immersion of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Mar 1:5 And all the country of Yehudah, and those of Yerushalayim, went out to him and were all immersed by him in the Yardēn River, confessing their sins.

Recall what happened in the Book of Matthew when Judas Iscariot confessed his sins before the priests in the corrupt temple system. Nothing! They had no compassion whatsoever; they had used Judas for their own purposes! This should clearly show the evil intent that had crept into the temple system in Jerusalem.

Mat 27:3 Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

Mat 27:4 Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that.

Mat 27:5 And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself.

Mat 27:6 And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood.

Mar 1:6 And Yoḥanan was clothed with camel’s hair and a leather girdle around his waist, and eating locusts and wild honey.

Mar 1:7 And he proclaimed, saying, **“After me comes One who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loosen.**

Mar 1:8 “I indeed did immerse you in water, but He shall immerse you in the Set-apart Spirit.”

The Baptism of Yahusha

Mar 1:9 And it came to be in those days that יהושע came from Natsareth of Galil, and was immersed by Yohanan in the Yardēn.

The location of Yahusha’s immersion in the Jordan River is felt to have been the same place where Joshua crossed into the Promised Land with the children of Israel. This was also the place where the twelve stones had been placed by the feet of the priest carrying the Ark of the Covenant.

Mar 1:10 And immediately, coming up from the water, He saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit coming down on Him like a dove.

Mar 1:11 And a voice came out of the heavens, “You are My Son, the Beloved, in

whom I did delight.”

The Temptation of Yahusha

Mar 1:12 And immediately the Spirit drove Him into the wilderness.

Mar 1:13 And He was there in the **wilderness forty days**, tried by Satan, and was with the wild beasts. And the messengers attended Him.

There is a pattern and a connection between the wilderness and witnessing. Yahusha's 40 days in the wilderness against sa_tan, gives us all a powerful witness. John the Immerser prepared the way for Yahusha in the wilderness; and many repented and were baptized. Moses and Joshua led the children of Israel through the wilderness and they were a powerful witness to the other nations of how their Elohim was the mightiest and greatest of all. In the end of days, the woman will be taken to the wilderness for 3 ½ years where she will be nourished; and she herself will be a witness. My point is that there is a definite pattern and connection between wilderness and witnessing.

Yahusha Begins His Ministry

Mar 1:14 And after Yoḥanan was delivered up, **יהושע came to Galil, proclaiming the Good News of the reign of Elohim,**

Mar 1:15 and saying, “The time has been filled, and **the reign of Elohim has come near. Repent, and believe in the Good News.”**

Yahusha Calls the First Disciples

Mar 1:16 And walking by the Sea of Galil, He saw Shim'on, and Andri his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishers.

Mar 1:17 And יהושע said to them, “Come, follow Me, and **I shall make you become fishers of men.**”

Mar 1:18 And immediately they left their nets and followed Him.

Mar 1:19 And having gone on a little from there, He saw Ya'aqob the son of Zabdai, and Yoḥanan his brother, and they were in the boat mending their nets.

Mar 1:20 And immediately He called them, and leaving their father Zabdai in the boat with the hired servants, they went after Him.

Yahusha Heals a Man with an Unclean Spirit

Mar 1:21 And they went into Kephar Naḥum, and immediately on the Sabbath He went into the congregation and taught.

Mar 1:22 And they were astonished at His teaching, for He was teaching them as

possessing authority, and not as the scribes.

Mar 1:23 And there was a man in their congregation with an unclean spirit, and he cried out,

Mar 1:24 saying, “Ha! What have we to do with You, יהושע of Natsareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are: the Set-apart One of Elohim!”

Notice that Yahusha didn’t engage in any lengthy conversation with the unclean spirit. Once the unclean spirit is noted, He cast it out.

Mar 1:25 And יהושע rebuked him, saying, “Be silenced, and come out of him!”

Mar 1:26 And throwing him into convulsions, the unclean spirit called out with a loud voice, and came out of him.

Mar 1:27 And they were all so amazed, as to reason among themselves, saying, **“What is this, a fresh teaching?”** With authority He commands **even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him!**”

Mar 1:28 And news about Him immediately spread into all the country around Galil.

As far as I have determined, the casting out of unclean spirits came with the authority of the Good News brought by Yahusha HaMashiach. Such acts of authority over unclean spirits are recorded in the New Testament or Brit Hadasha; and not in the Old Testament or Tanakh.

Yahusha Heals Many

Mar 1:29 And coming out of the congregation, they went straight to the house of Shim'on and Andri, with Ya'aqob and Yoḥanan.

Mar 1:30 And **the mother-in-law of Shim'on lay sick with inflammation, and immediately they spoke to Him about her.**

Mar 1:31 And having come, **He took her by the hand and lifted her up, and immediately the inflammation left her, and she served them.**

Mar 1:32 And when evening came, when the sun had set, **they brought to Him all who were sick and those who were demon-possessed.**

Mar 1:33 And the entire city had gathered at the door.

Mar 1:34 And He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons, and **was not allowing the demons to speak, because they knew Him.**

Yahusha Preaches in Galilee

Mar 1:35 **And having risen very early in the morning, while still dark, He went out, and went away to a lonely place, and there He prayed.**

Mar 1:36 And Shim'on and those who were with Him searched for Him,

Mar 1:37 and when they found Him, they said to Him, “All are seeking You.”

Mar 1:38 And He said to them, **“Let us go into the neighboring towns, so that I proclaim there also, because for this I have come forth.”**

Mar 1:39 And He was proclaiming in their congregations, in all Galil, and casting out demons.

Yahusha Cleanses a Leper

Mar 1:40 And a leper came to Him, calling upon Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, “If You desire, You are able to make me clean.”

Mar 1:41 And יהושע, moved with compassion, stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, “I desire it. Be cleansed.”

Mar 1:42 And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was cleansed.

Mar 1:43 And having strictly warned him, He immediately sent him away,

Mar 1:44 and said to him, **“See, say none at all to anyone, but go show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Mosheh ordered, as a witness to them.”**

Mar 1:45 But he went out and began to publish it so much, and to spread the word, that יהושע was no longer able to openly enter the city, **but was outside in lonely places.** Yet they came to Him from all directions.

The man’s faith in Yahusha healed him of his leprosy. Yahusha tells him to go and present himself to the priest and make an offering for his cleansing that Moses ordered. By Yahusha’s statement, we see that the Book of the Law was still in place and still followed at this point.

Instead, the healed leper goes and proclaims his healing which prevents Yahusha from being able to openly enter the city. Therefore, once again the wilderness is where much of His witnessing and healings would take place.

Esther 6

The King Honors Mordecai

Est 6:1 On that night the sleep of the sovereign fled, and he commanded to bring the book of the records of the annals. And they were read before the sovereign.

Est 6:2 **And it was found written** that Mordeḳai had told of Biḡthana and Teresh, two of the sovereign’s eunuchs, the doorkeepers who had sought to lay hands on Sovereign Aḡashwěrosh.

Est 6:3 **Then the sovereign said,** “What has been done in value or in greatness to Mordeḳai for this?” And the sovereign’s servants who attended him said, “Naught has been done for him.”

YHWH can stir the soul of any man and direct his actions to coincide with His divine timing. Most often that stirring takes place when our souls [our mind, will, and emotions] are at rest for a night's sleep. During these times, the noise of the day has ceased, and our inner man is more sensitive to His still small voice and His promptings. This seems to be the timing YHWH chooses with King Aḥashwěrosh [Ahasuerus] in order to work out His master plan. What is unfortunate in the Book of Esther, is that the glory is not given by name to YHWH. Without recording the glory to YHWH; one can only suppose it was to His glory and to none other.

Reading is one way we quiet our thoughts and bring our body into rest and sleep. King Aḥashwěrosh [Ahasuerus] calls for the reading of the book of the records of the annals. Divinely, the reading includes the record of Mordecai exposing the plot against the king. Upon inquiring, the king finds that nothing was done for Mordecai for his noble act.

Est 6:4 And the sovereign said, “Who is in the court?” Now Haman had come into the outer court of the sovereign’s palace to speak to the sovereign to hang Mordeḳai on the wooden *structure* that he had prepared for him.

Est 6:5 And the sovereign’s servants said to him, “Look, Haman is standing in the court.” And the sovereign said, “Let him come in.”

Est 6:6 And when Haman came in, **the sovereign asked him, “What is to be done for the man whom the sovereign delights to value?”** Now Haman thought in his heart, **“Whom would the sovereign delight to value more than me?”**

Est 6:7 And Haman answered the sovereign, “For the man whom the sovereign delights to value,

- ✚ **Est 6:8** let a royal robe be brought which the sovereign has worn,
- ✚ and a horse on which the sovereign has ridden, one with a royal crest placed on its head.
- ✚ **Est 6:9** “And let this robe and horse be given into the hand of one of the sovereign’s most noble princes.
- ✚ Let them dress the man whom the sovereign delights to value.
- ✚ And make him ride on horseback through the city square, and proclaim before him, ‘Thus it is done to the man whom the sovereign delights to value!’ ”

By Haman’s recommendations, we clearly see Haman’s exalted view of himself. Haman’s powerful position and pride had given him a hyperinflated arrogance; and he would soon be powerfully humbled by the king’s response.

Est 6:10 And **the sovereign said to Haman, “Hurry, take the robe and the horse, as you have spoken, and do so for Mordeḳai the Yehudi who sits in the sovereign’s gate. Let no word fail of all that you have spoken.”**

Est 6:11 And Haman took the robe and the horse, and robed Mordeḳai and led him on

horseback through the city square, and proclaimed before him, “Thus it is done to the man the sovereign delights to value.”

Est 6:12 Then Mordekai went back to the sovereign’s gate. But Haman hurried to his house, mourning and with covered head.

Est 6:13 And when Haman related to his wife Zeresh and all his loved ones all that had befallen him, **his wise men and his wife Zeresh said to him, “If Mordekai, before whom you have begun to fall, is from the seed of the Yehudim, you are not going to prevail against him but certainly fall before him.”**

In Est. 6:13, we see that the power and will of the Elohim of the Yehudim was well known by the nation people. YHWH had proven His power and had exalted His Name by many previous powerful acts. Even Haman’s own household and ‘his wise men’ recognized that **if Mordecai was from the seed of the Yehudim**, he would fall. This verse is one of the strongest connections and recognitions eluding to YHWH.

Esther Reveals Haman's Plot

Est 6:14 While they were still speaking with him, the sovereign’s eunuchs came, and hurried to bring Haman to the feast which Estër had prepared.


Book of Romans

ROMANS FROM A TORAH COVENANT PERSPECTIVE

Intro

Romiyah / Romans is the most influential letter ever written and have impacted theology, politics, civil law, and church doctrine in the West. Classical approaches to this epistle have started Reformations and used to support misogyny. What if our approach to Shaul/Paul's letter has been wrong? Join our study, as we leave behind traditional interpretations, in favor of the truth of the original language and the context of the whole of Scripture!

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A complete study on [the Book of Romans](#) can be found at the link above at Torah to the Tribes. Some of the insights from this study have been incorporated into this daily reading plan on Romans.

Romans 1

The Revelation of “Righteousness by Faith”

The Book of Romans was written by Paul from Corinth. Let us read his words as if we just received this letter in the mail. Let his words speak to hearts.

Paul was writing to believers in Rome. We must also remember that at times Paul identified himself as a Roman. He was born of Jewish parents but had the rights of a Roman citizen. He was schooled under Gamaliel and he was incorporated into the sect of the Pharisees. At first Paul was a zealous adversary to the 'Way'; yet, upon conversion Paul became a zealous defender and promoter of the 'Way.'

Adam Clarke gives insight to Paul's Roman connection under his commentary on Acts 22:26. Here is an excerpt.

...But I was free born - It has been generally believed that the inhabitants of Tarsus, born in that city, had the same rights and privileges as Roman citizens, in consequence of a charter or grant from Julius Caesar. Calmet disputes this, because Tarsus was a free not a colonial city; and he supposes that Paul's father might have been rewarded with the freedom of Rome for some military services, and that it was in consequence of this that Paul was born free. But that the city of Tarsus had such privileges appears extremely probable. In [Act 21:39](#), Paul says he was born at Tarsus in Cilicia, and in [Act 22:28](#), he says he was free born; and, at [Act 22:26](#), he calls himself a Roman; as he does also [Act 16:37](#). From whence it has been concluded, with every show of reason, that Tarsus, though no Roman colony, yet had this privilege granted to it, that its natives should be citizens of Rome. Pliny, in Hist. Nat. lib. [Act 16:27](#), tells us that Tarsus was a free city...

Let's discover what was on Paul's heart to those in Rome; which can be applied to believers everywhere.

Greeting

Rom 1:1 Sha'ul, a servant of יהושע Messiah, a called emissary, separated to **the Good News of Elohim**,

We see in Rom. 1:1 how Paul is a set-apart servant to Yahusha HaMashiach. Paul was directly called by Yahusha on the road to Damascus. It was Yahusha that harnessed Paul's passionate zeal to His Word through new spiritual eyes and for His kingdom work.

Rom 1:2 which He promised before through His prophets in the Set-apart Scriptures,
Rom 1:3 concerning His Son,

- who came of the seed of Dawid according to the flesh,
- **Rom 1:4** who was designated **Son of Elohim** with power, according to the Set-apart Spirit, **by the resurrection from the dead: יהושע Messiah, the Master of us**,
- **Rom 1:5** through whom we have received favor
- and office of the emissary for belief-obedience among all the nations on behalf of His Name,

- **Rom 1:6** among whom you also are the **called ones** of יהושע Messiah.
- **Rom 1:7** **To all who are in Rome, beloved of Elohim,** called, set-apart ones: Favor to you and peace from Elohim our Father and the Master יהושע Messiah.

Longing to Go to Rome

Rom 1:8 First, I truly thank my Elohim through יהושע Messiah for you all, **that your belief is spoken of in all the world.**

Word had traveled about the belief of Yahusha in Rome. We know in 49 C.E., Roman Emperor Claudius expelled all Jewish believers in Yahusha. Among that expulsion was Aquilla and Priscilla. Divinely, the paths of Aquilla and Priscilla, meet up with Paul in Corinth about 50 C.E. They would have been able to report on the belief in the Gospel message throughout Rome. They were already believers when Paul met them, and this would have also coincided with the approximate time of Paul writing Romans. Aquilla and Priscilla helped teach and spread the Gospel message along with Paul. In addition, they shared the trade of tent making.

Rom 1:9 For Elohim is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the Good News of His Son, how unceasingly I make mention of you,

Rom 1:10 **always asking in my prayers, if at all possible, I shall be blessed by the desire of Elohim, to come to you.**

Paul had written to the Romans but had not yet had the opportunity to bring the Good News to them in person. He prayed he would be able to go to Rome. His prayer was answered but probably not in the way he first envisioned.

Paul would end up going to Rome in a very unexpected way by having ‘appealed to Caesar’ when Festus left him no option [Acts 25:11]. He would go to Rome as a prisoner, though with his first imprisonment in Rome; he was under ‘house arrest’ and could receive visitors. His letter to the Romans had arrived approximately 8 years prior.

Rom 1:11 For I long to see you, so as to impart some spiritual gift to you, for you to be established,

Rom 1:12 and that is, to be encouraged together among you, each by the other’s belief – both yours and mine.

Rom 1:13 **And I do not wish you to be unaware, brothers, that I often purposed to come to you, but was hindered until now,** in order to have some fruit among you, as also among the other nations.

Rom 1:14 I am a debtor both to Greeks and to foreigners, both to wise and to foolish.

Rom 1:15 That is why I am so eager to bring the Good News also to you who are in Rome.

The Righteous Shall Live by Faith

Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the Good News of Messiah, for it is the power of Elohim for deliverance to everyone who believes, to the Yehudi first and also to the Greek.

Rom 1:17 For in it the **righteousness of Elohim is revealed from belief to belief, as it has been written, “But the righteous shall live by belief.”** [Hab 2:4.](#)

Hab 2:4 “See, he whose being is not upright in him is puffed up. But the righteous one lives by his steadfastness.

We are saved by grace through faith alone in Yahusha.

Eph 2:8 For by favour you have been saved, through belief, and that not of yourselves, **it is the gift of Elohim**,

Eph 2:9 it is not by works, so that no one should boast.

Whoever denies Yahusha before man, He will deny.

Mat 10:32 “Everyone, therefore, who shall confess Me before men, him I shall also confess before My Father who is in the heavens.

Mat 10:33 “But whoever shall deny Me before men, him I shall also deny before My Father who is in the heavens.

 Heb 10:38 “**But the righteous shall live by belief, but if anyone draws back, my being has no pleasure in him.**” [Hab 2:3-4.](#)

The Righteous Shall Live by Faith

Gal 3:10 For as many as are of works of Torah are under the curse, for it has been written, “**Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all that has been written in the Book of the Torah, to do them.**” [Deu 27:26.](#)

Gal 3:11 And that no one is declared right by Torah before Elohim is clear, for “**The righteous shall live by belief.**” [Hab 2:4.](#)

Gal 3:12 And the Torah is not of belief, but “**The man who does them shall live by them.**” [Lev 18:5.](#)

Gal 3:13 Messiah redeemed us from the curse of the Torah, having become a curse for us – for it has been written, “**Cursed is everyone who hangs upon a tree.**” – [Deu 21:23.](#)

Gal 3:14 in order that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the nations in Messiah יְהוֹשֻׁעַ , to receive the promise of the Spirit through belief.

YHWH's Wrath on Unrighteousness

Rom 1:18 For the wrath of Elohim is revealed from heaven against all wickedness and

unrighteousness of men, **who suppress the truth** in unrighteousness,

Rom 1:19 because that which is known of Elohim is manifest among them, for Elohim has manifested it to them.

Rom 1:20 For since the creation of the world His invisible *qualities* have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, both His everlasting power and Mightiness, **for them to be without excuse**,

Rom 1:21 because, although they knew Elohim, they did not esteem Him as Elohim, nor gave thanks, but became vain in their reasonings, and their undiscerning heart was darkened.

Rom 1:22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools,

Rom 1:23 **and changed the esteem of the incorruptible Elohim** into the likeness of an image of corruptible man, and of birds and of four-footed beasts and of reptiles.

Rom 1:24 **Therefore Elohim gave them up to uncleanness in the lust of their hearts, to disrespect their bodies among themselves,**

Rom 1:25 who changed the truth of Elohim into the falsehood, and worshipped and served what was created rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Aměn.

Rom 1:26 Because of this Elohim gave them over to degrading passions. **For even their women exchanged natural relations for what is against nature,**

Rom 1:27 and likewise, the men also, having left natural relations with woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing indecency, and receiving back the reward which was due for their straying.

YHWH defines sin; man does not. It is YHWH that has declared homosexuality as sin; a ‘degrading passion.’ All of us have sinned in one way or the other and have fallen short of Elohim. None of us should try to ‘justify’ our sin; we should sincerely repent and turn from our sin and turn to Him who paid our sin debt in full. To persist in unrepented sin, when one knows the truth, will open that person up to one day facing the wrath of Elohim.

Rom 1:28 And even as they did not think it worthwhile to possess the knowledge of Elohim, Elohim gave them over to a worthless mind, to do what is improper,

Rom 1:29 having been filled with all unrighteousness, whoring, wickedness, greed, evil; filled with envy, murder, fighting, deceit, evil habits; whisperers,

Rom 1:30 slanderers, haters of Elohim, insolent, proud, boasters, devisers of evils, disobedient to parents,

Rom 1:31 without discernment, covenant breakers, unloving, unforgiving, ruthless;

Rom 1:32 who, though they know the righteousness of Elohim, that those who practice such deserve death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

YHWH is a loving Elohim, but He is also Righteous. He is the Creator of all. He is the One that died in our place, was buried, and arose the 3rd day to REDEEM mankind. To snub one's nose at such love is utterly blind and foolish to say the least. His Covenant Torah was to save us from harm; not to limit our life but to make it full and overflowing!

Like Paul said we go from faith to faith by staying in His Word; reading His Word; seeing His great love for us. He lives! But to know Him one must take a step of faith. [Mat 7:7]

Mat 7:7 “Ask and it shall be given to you, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened to you.

Mat 7:8 “For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it shall be opened.

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